



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice of Proposed Action December 22, 2005

The Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing this Notice of Proposed Action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application to modify Water Pollution Control Discharge Permit # NEV92037 from the following applicant.

Homestretch Geothermal LLC
1147 N Daybreak Dr
Washington UT 84780

The applicant operates Wabuska Geothermal Power Plant, a binary plant located east of U.S. 95A 1.5 miles north of Wabuska in Lyon County. After passing through non-contact heat exchangers the spent geothermal water is carried by unlined channels through the adjacent property, ultimately discharging to the privately owned pond wetland system west of the highway. After receiving the current permit in 2003, the company obtained an increased water right and has now applied for a permit modification for a four fold discharge flow increase, to 8.0 MGD, to accommodate production of additional electrical power. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue the proposed permit for a five (5) year term.

The Administrator has made a determination to propose renewal of the permit. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determination, or request a hearing pursuant to the water pollution control provisions of the Nevada Administrative Code, should submit their comments or request in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication either in person or by mail to:

Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
901 S Stewart St Ste 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The end of the comment period and deadline for receipt of all comments or requests in this office is 5:00 P.M. on Friday January 27, 2006. Mail postmarked with that date will also be accepted. Hearing requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a

public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by contacting Robert J. Saunders at the above address, (775)687-9437, or rsaunder@ndep.nv.gov. In addition, the fact sheet and this notice posted at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>. The office fax number is (775)687-4684.